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STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting Dates: [July 18, 2013](#)

Purpose. This compilation of briefings on legislative interim committee meetings and other meetings and topics of interest to the Iowa General Assembly, written by the Legal Services Division staff of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency, describes committee activities or topics. The briefings were originally distributed in the Iowa Legislative Interim Calendar and Briefing. Official minutes, reports, and other detailed information concerning the committee or topic addressed by a briefing can be obtained from the committee's Internet page listed above, from the Iowa General Assembly's Internet page at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>, or from the agency connected with the meeting or topic described.

STUDIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

July 18, 2013

Chairperson: Speaker Kraig Paulsen

Vice Chairperson: Senator Amanda Ragan

Overview. The Studies Committee considered mandates in statute and proposals for 2013 interim studies contained in legislation and other requests, and recommended the actions listed in this briefing. The recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council.

Studies Deadline. The deadline for completion of the 2013 interim studies is November 29, 2013.

2013 Interim Studies. Studies were authorized for the 2013 interim with the indicated number of members and meeting days to address the following topics:

Statutory Committees

- **Legislative Fiscal Committee** (Iowa Code §§2.45(2), 2.46)
Charge: The committee is a permanent body under the Legislative Council. Direct the administration of performance audits and visitations. Study the operation of state government and make recommendations regarding reorganization to the General Assembly. Conduct studies as assigned by the Legislative Council.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 3
- **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** (Iowa Code §§2.45(5), 2.48)
Charge: The committee is a permanent body under the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year, and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits so that each credit is reviewed at least every five years. The third scheduled review is in 2013.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1
- **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** (Iowa Code §2.69)
Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee with five Senate and five House members appointed by legislative leaders at the beginning of a new General Assembly. The committee is required to meet as directed by the Legislative Council, at least every two years, to review state government organization and efficiency options and receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees. The first report was submitted in 2013 and the second report is due in January 2015.
Members: 5 Senate / 5 House
Meeting Days: 1
- **Public Retirement Systems Committee** (Iowa Code §97D.4)
Charge: The committee is a permanent legislative committee that is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the

Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (Code Chapter 411), the Department of Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The committee typically meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 2

- **Integrated Health Care Models and Multipayer Delivery Systems Study Committee** (2013 Iowa Acts, SF 446, §§182, 183)

Charge: Review and make recommendations for the formation and operation of integrated care models in Iowa; review integrated care models adopted in other states that integrate both clinical services and nonclinical community and social supports utilizing patient-centered medical homes and community care teams; recommend the best means of incorporating into integrated care models nonprofit and public providers that care for vulnerable populations; review and make recommendations regarding development and implementation of a statewide medical home infrastructure to act as the foundation for integrated care models; review opportunities under the federal Affordable Care Act for development of integrated care models; address consumer protection, governance, performance standards, data reporting, health information exchange, patient attribution, and regulation issues relative to integrated care models; and perform other duties specified in the legislation. In addition, serve as a legislative advisory council on multipayer health care delivery systems to guide the development by the Department of Human Services of Iowa's design model and implementation plan for the State Innovation Models Initiative Grant awarded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The study committee may request that legislative leaders authorize supplementing the study committee membership to ensure there is a comprehensive review process and adequate stakeholder participation.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 2

Other Interim Studies

- **Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign Fiscal Viability Study Committee** (Continuation of study committee initially created by the Legislative Council in 2012)

Charge: In addition to monitoring implementation of the mental health and disability services redesign and receiving reports from stakeholder groups engaged in implementation of the redesign, the study committee shall propose a permanent approach for state, county, and regional financing of the redesign and identify potential cost savings and service improvements that may be realized by working with community-based corrections services and other programs and services that address common needs or populations (2013 Iowa Acts, SF 452, §184). The study committee shall also study the provisions for implementing mental health and disability service Medicaid offset amounts and repayments by counties relating to the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. The study committee shall consider the potential effects of the repayment provisions on the ability of the mental health and disability service regions to adequately fund the initial core services and additional core services and to make recommendations to address funding insufficiencies (2013 Iowa Acts, SF 446, §181).

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 2

- **Elder Abuse Prevention and Intervention Study Committee** (Request in 2013 Iowa Acts, SF 446, §51)

Charge: Monitor the progress of, and provide direction to the Task Force on Elder Abuse Prevention and Intervention created pursuant to 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1056, and continued pursuant to 2013 Iowa Acts, SF 446, §50. The study committee shall review the task force progress report and approve the final report of the task force and shall submit the committee's recommendations and a final report to the General Assembly following completion of the committee's work.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

- **Medical Malpractice Study Committee** (Request in 2013 Iowa Acts, SF 446, §184)

Charge: Study current standards and potential options for the submission of certificate-of-merit affidavits by plaintiffs and defendants in medical malpractice actions and limitations on the number of expert witnesses that may be called by both plaintiffs and defendants involving health care providers.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

- **All-terrain and Off-road Utility Vehicle Study Committee**

Charge: Collect information from stakeholders and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the use of all-terrain and off-road utility vehicles.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

- **Iowa Rivers and Waterways Study Committee**

Charge: Consult with interested parties in considering options for restoring the quality of Iowa's rivers and waterways. Interested parties may include engineers, local watershed partnerships, persons who farm near rivers and waterways, anglers, boaters, and other interested parties. Develop recommendations for an initial plan to prioritize river and waterway projects and provide defined goals and measurable improvements.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

- **Administrative Costs in Higher Education Study Committee**

Charge: Examine administrative costs at higher education institutions and the impact of these costs on Iowa students and their families. The committee shall compare the growth in administrative costs and instructional costs at Regents institutions, community colleges, private colleges, and for-profit colleges. The committee shall identify fragmentation, overlap, or duplication of administrative services on a campus-wide and system-wide basis, and look for ways to reduce the financial impact on students and their families. The committee shall also examine the manner in which fee rates charged to students are established.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

- **Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund Study Committee**

Charge: Examine the planning and implementation of programs and appropriations made from the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. The committee shall hear from relevant agencies that are charged with running each program and fund. The committee shall examine the goals of each agency with special emphasis on current Code language and legislation approved during the 2013 session pertaining to metrics, reporting, and goals. All recommendations from the committee shall be reported to the Economic Development and Education Appropriations subcommittees.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

- **Emergency Medical Services Study Committee**

Charge: Research the current status of Iowa's emergency medical services (EMS) and make recommendations to ensure the future availability of EMS statewide. Consult with stakeholders in conducting the study.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 2

- **Stray Electric Current and Agriculture Study Committee**

Charge: Study the issues associated with claims that stray electric current or voltage is affecting dairy cattle milk production. Work with stakeholders in considering options to address the issues and make recommendations to resolve the issues.

Members: 5 Senate / 5 House

Meeting Days: 1

Studies-related Requests

- **Request to Public Safety Advisory Board Relating to Crimes Against Children**

A letter will be sent to the Public Safety Advisory Board on behalf of the Legislative Council requesting that the advisory board provide information and recommendations to the General Assembly relating to crimes against children in light of the abduction and murder believed to have been committed by Michael Klunder.

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